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FOR EUR/RPM AND CHAIRMAN OPEN FORUM

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SUBJECT: OPEN FORUM ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE WASHINGTON
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1. SUGGESTION REFTEL THAT NATO OFFICIALS AND OFFICIALS FROM
OTHER DELEGATIONS WHO WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FOR THE SUMMIT
ADDRESS OPEN FORUM IS GOOD ONE. WE AGREE THAT SCHEDULING
SUCH MEETINGS AFTER CONCLUSION OF SUMMIT PROCEEDINGS IS
LOGICAL WAY TO PROCEED. OUR COMMENTS ON POSSIBLE PARTICI-
PANTS FOLLOW (ALL DATES MENTIONED ARE TENTATIVE):

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(A) SYG LUNS: AS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED HE WILL BE IN
WASHINGTON JUNE 1-2 AND WE ARE EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF HIS
ADDRESSING OPEN FORUM AGAIN PER PARA 4 REFTEL.

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(B) DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL PETRIGNANI: PETRIGNANI
(ITALIAN) IS ABLE BUT HAS BEEN IN NATO ONLY A FEW MONTHS.
NEVERTHELESS, HE WOULD BE A GOOD SPEAKER.

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(C) ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR DEFENSE PLANNING W.F.
MUMFORD: MUMFORD (UK) HAS BEEN INTIMATELY INVOLVED WITH
THE LONG TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM OVER THE PAST YEAR. AS THE
TITLE INDICATES, HE AND HIS STAFF CARRY OUT THE NATO FORCE
PLANNING CYCLE, REVIEW AND CRITIQUE OF ALLIED DEFENSE
CONTRIBUTIONS. HE IS BEING PROGRAMMED FOR OTHER SPEAKING

ENGAGEMENTS IN THE US BY THE NATO INFORMATION SERVICE BUT WOULD PROBABLY BE IN WASHINGTON JUNE 2-3.

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(D) ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR DEFENSE SUPPORT JOHN WALSH: WALSH (US) DEALS PRIMARILY WITH ISSUES SUCH AS STANDARDIZATION AND INTEROPERABILITY, AWACS AND THE TRANSATLANTIC DIALOGUE. HE TOO IS BEING BOOKED BY THE NATO INFORMATION SERVICE AND WOULD PROBABLY BE IN WASHINGTON JUNE 2.

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(E) MILITARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ZEINER-GUNDERSEN (NORWEGIAN) AND NATO INFORMATION SERVICE HEAD MOLLER (DANE): MOLLER IS A GOOD SPEAKER, ZEINER-GUNDERSEN LESS SO, BUT BOTH HAVE CONSIDERABLE BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE (MOLLER IS A FORMER DANISH MINISTER OF DEFENSE). IN TANDEM THEY MIGHT DISCUSS NORTHERN FLANK ISSUES AND HAVE BEEN TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO DO SO TOGETHER AT THE GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES. THEY MIGHT BE AVAILABLE JUNE 1-2.

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(F) INTERNATIONAL STAFF: THERE ARE NOT MANY POSSIBILITIES AMONG THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF. AN EXCEPTION IS THE HEAD OF THE NATO PRESS SERVICE DAVID KYD. KYD (UK) HAS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS, IS SUBSTANTIVELY SOUND AND IS A GOOD SPEAKER. TESSA SOLESBY (UK) HEAD OF THE GENERAL AFFAIRS SECTION IN THE DIVISION OF POLITICAL CONFIDENTIAL

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AFFAIRS IS NOT A GOOD SPEAKER BUT IS VERY IMPRESSIVE ON CSCE AND OTHER POLITICAL SUBJECTS (SHE HAS PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EAST-WEST STUDY) AND MIGHT BE FEATURED IN A SMALLER, INFORMAL DISCUSSION-TYPE FORMAT RATHER THAN A LARGE GROUP. IN A SIMILAR FASHION, IF AMERICANS ARE DESIRED, FSO LUCIAN HEICHLER, DEPUTY TO THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS WILL ALSO BE IN WASHINGTON.

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(G) PERMREPS: AMONG THE PERMREPS, SIR JOHN KILLICK OF THE UK IS A LIVELY, ARTICULATE AND CONFIDENT SPEAKER. HE HAS EXTENSIVE ALLIANCE RELATED EXPERIENCE AND IS A FORMER AMBASSADOR TO THE SOVIET UNION. KILLICK MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE BUT WE COULD TRY. ANOTHER GOOD POSSIBILITY IS DANISH PERMREP ANKER SVART, WHO ALTHOUGH MORE RESERVED THAN KILLICK, IS VERY IMPRESSIVE SUBSTANTIVELY, SPEAKS FLAWLESS ENGLISH AND WAS A FORMER AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW AND PEKING. FRG PERMREP PAULS IS ALSO IMPRESSIVE, AND SPEAKS FINE ENGLISH.

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(H) DEPUTY PERMREPS: WE SEE TWO POSSIBILITIES AMONG THIS GROUP: TERENCE BACON OF CANADA AND PETRUS BUWALDA OF THE

NETHERLANDS. BOTH HAVE CONSIDERABLE NATO EXPERIENCE AND ARE ARTICULATE, COLORFUL AND FRANK. WE ASSUME BOTH WILL BE IN WASHINGTON.

2. AS INDICATED ABOVE, WE WILL EXPLORE WITH LUNS THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS APPEARING BEFORE THE OPEN FORUM. WE NEED NOW OPEN FORUM EDITOR'S VIEWS ON WHO ELSE AMONG THE ABOVE POSSIBILITIES WE MIGHT APPROACH. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE PRECISION ON POSSIBLE DATES AND TIMES WHEN MEETINGS MIGHT BE SCHEDULED (WOULD THEY ONLY BE SCHEDULED DURING THE NOON PERIOD?) AND ANY OTHER DETAILS THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL.

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3. FINALLY, WE NOTE A POTENTIAL PROBLEM, THAT OF ATTENDANCE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN LUNS SPOKE TO THE OPEN FORUM PREVIOUSLY, ATTENDANCE WAS POOR. WE WOULD NOT WANT TO EXPOSE HIM TO THIS AGAIN AND THE PROBLEM WOULD BE EXACERBATED WITH THE OTHER, LESS WELL-KNOWN PROPOSED SPEAKERS. THIS MIGHT ARGUE FOR A SMALLER, SEMINAR-STYLE FORMAT FOR SOME SPEAKERS RATHER THAN A LARGE GATHERING. GLITMAN

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